**4. How is the integrity of a third-country national assessed when deciding on an application for granting temporary residence for the purpose of family reunification?**

When deciding on an application for temporary residence, the police department shall take into account the public interest, especially the security aspect, personal and family circumstances of the national, his financial situation and other requirements pursuant to Art. 33 of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on the Residence of Foreigners and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Act on the Residence of Foreigners”).

Pursuant to Art. 121 of the Act on the Residence of Foreigners, the third-country national shall prove his/her integrity by providing an extract from the Criminal Register of the country he/she is a national to and the country where the third-country national has stayed during last three years for the period longer than 90 days within six consecutive months. The document on integrity shall prove the integrity in the whole territory of the country issuing the document; otherwise the police department shall not accept such document.

When assessing the application, a person is not to be considered as innocent, if he/she has committed a proceeding that is classified as an intentional criminal offense in the Slovak Republic, has been legally convicted of such conduct, and the time required to expungement of record in the Slovak Republic has not expired.

The assessment of the document on integrity attached to the application for temporary residence is in competence of the relevant department of the Foreign police department of the Police Force, as it is an independent authority competent to act in the matter.

The obligation to present a document attesting the integrity shall not apply third country nationals younger than 14 years of age.